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SUBJECT ROCKET ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT BUILDING

1. RSO WAS INFORMED JUNE 22 BY ARGENTINE SECURITY OFFICIALS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A STEP-UP IN TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST ARGENTINE GOVT BUILDINGS. ON JUNE 13, THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE FEDERAL POLICE ISSUED AN ORDER TO SECURITY FORCES STATING THAT GUERRILLA ELEMENTS WILL LAUNCH ATTACKS WITH ROCKETS OR SIMILAR WEAPONS AGAINST POLICE AND MILITARY BUILDINGS. THESE ROCKETS CAN BE FIRED FROM A DISTANCE OF 400 METERS. ALL SECURITY FORCES WERE REQUESTED TO INTENSIFY THEIR WATCH OVER IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES.

2. ON THE SAME DAY, THERE WAS A REPORT OF AN EXPLOSION AT THE MILITARES FABRICACIONES IN BUENOS AIRES. THERE WAS A BOMB ATTACK ON THE RESIDENCE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL REYNALDO B. BIGNONE, SECRETARY

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GENERAL OF THE ARMY, WHO RESIDES IN BUENOS AIRES. ON JUNE 10, AN ATACK WAS MADE ON THE CASA ROSADA (GOVT HOUSE) USING A ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADE, AND ON JUNE 18 A SIMILAR ATTACK WAS MADE ON THE HQ OF THE 601 INTELLEGENCE BN. IN THIS LATTER ATTACK, THERE WAS MATERIAL DAMAGE DONE TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING BUT NO ONE WAS INJURED. SECURITY FORCES RECOVERED PARTS OF THE ROCKET

AND GOA OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT THEY WERE NOT THE
USUAL MONTONERO G-40 OR G-70 GRENADE AND THEY MAY BE GRENADES
OF SOVIET MANUFACTURE.

3. DATTS OFFICE ALSO RECEIVED REPORTS CONCERNING THE
ATTACK ON CASA ROSADA AND THE RECOVERY OF THE PROJECTILES.
DATT SOURCES ALSO STATED THEY BELIEVED THESE PROJECTILES
ARE OF RUSSIAN ORIGIN, AN RPG-7 TYPE. RSO SOURCES STATED
THEY WOULD TRY TO FURNISH PICURES OF THE REMNANTS OF THE
ROCKETS TO BE FORWARDED TO DOD WASHINGTON FOR ANALYSIS.
THERE IS ALSO AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF A SIMILAR ATTACK
MADE ON THE NAVY MECHANIC SCHOOL.

4. SOURCES STATED THESE ROCKETS HAD BEEN FIRED FROM A
WHITE PEUGEOT SEDANS WITH SUNROOFS. THE GRENADIER STANDS
ERECT IN THE SEDAN AND FIRES AT THE OBJECTIVE FROM THE
SUNROOF POSITION. THEY THEN IMMEDIATELY FLEE THE SCENE.
SOURCES STATED THE MONTONEROS ARE DESPERATE TO ACHIEVE
SOME MILITARY SUCCESS DURING THE WORLD CUP PERIOD AND
CONSEQUENTLY ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S
CUSTODIAL DETAIL BE INFORMED OF THE METHOD OF ROCKET
ATTACK AND THE CAPABILITIES OF THE ROCKETS IN USE.
ANOTHER SOURCE INDICATED THEY BELIEVE THERE ARE AT LEAST
20 OF THESE ROCKETS PRESENTLY IN THE COUNTRY.
DEPT. WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CON-
CERNING THIS MATTER.

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